Formation of Apartment owners' Association—Mandatory

*347. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the Apartment Act passed by the Parliament, formation of an apartment owners' association is mandatory and non-compliance of the same is punishable under the law;

(b) if so, how many complexes are without such associations;

(c) what action Government have taken against those defaulters; and

(d) what steps Government are taking to ensure compliance of the legal requirement?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SHEILA KAUL): (a) and (b) The formation of Apartment Owner's Associations is mandatory. But the non-compliance of the requirement is not punishable under the law. There is no report of any such Associations having been formed so far. However, 160 similar Associations have been registered under the Delhi Development Authority (Management & Disposal of Housing Estates) Regulations, 1968.

(c) In the absence of any penal provisions under the Act, no action can be taken against the defaulters.

(d) Since there are no provisions to enforce the legal requirements Government is considering bringing comprehensive amendments to the present Act to make it more effective and enforceable.

Special Agriculture Production Programme

*348. SHRI MATANG SING: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the assistance provided to the State Governmen's under Special Agriculture Production Programme; and

(b) whether Government propose to allocate more funds to the drought/flood affected states; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) There is no scheme of such name, e.g., Special Agriculture Production Programme under implementation by Government of India.

(b) As per recommendations of the Ninth Finance Commission, Calamity Relief Fund has been provided in the Budget of the States for meeting such situation; Government of India contributes 75 per cent to this fund.

River Water Disputes between States

*349. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of irrigation potential offered by different rivers that continues to remain unutilised;

(b) how much of this under utilisation of irrigation potential is attributable to persistent river water disputes between States; and

(c) what plan of action, if any, has been drawn out to resolves these disputes?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The Ministry of Water Resources collects and maintains data on irrigation potential created and its utilisation separately for Major and Medium projects and Minor schemes State-wise on yearly basis. At the end of 92-93, the gap between country's irrigation potential created and its